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for the year ending

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Newton, New Jersey October 16, 1855

The Synod of New Jersey met according to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church at 3 o'clock p.m. and was opened with a Sermon from Acts 5:42 by the Rev. Lewis Bond, the Moderator.

After public worship the Synod was constituted with prayer.

Present

From the Presbytery of Elizabethtown

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Mr. Bond		
Dr. Murray		Plainfield
Mr. English	John Honeyman	Lamington
Mr. Rankin	Aaron Crane	1st Eliz. Town
Mr. Reinhart		Perth Amboy
Mr. Petrie	Wm. Annin	Liberty Corner
Mr. Hunting	Thomas C. Lathrop	1st Rahway
Mr. Finley	W. B. Alward	Baskingridge
Mr. Milne	Elias Marsh	Elizabeth Port
Mr. Mott	Elias Brown	Pluckamin
Mr. Martin		Westfield
	Smith Bloomfield	2nd Woodbridge
	Isaac Paine	1st Woodbridge
	Thomas H. Shafer	2nd Rahway

Presbytery of Passaic

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Dr. Magie		2nd Eliz. Town
Mr. Williamson		Ger. Ch. Paterson
Mr. Chester		Chatham Village
Mr. Ogden	Caleb Pierson	Springfield
Mr. Harris		Lyons Farms
Mr. Kirtland		2nd Morristown

Presbytery of Passaic (cont)

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Mr. Edwards	James W. Halsey	Connect. Farms
Mr. Street	Ira C. Whitehead	1st Morristown
Mr. McMurray		1st Paterson
Mr. Geo. Blauvelt	W.P. Merchant	Mt. Freedom
Mr. James		3rd Newark
	John Stryker	Chester
	Wm. Stevens	Mt. Olive

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Mr. Rodgers		Ewing
Mr. Davidson		1st Cranbury
Mr. L. H. Vandoren		Boundbrook
Dr. Macdonald		Kingston
Mr. Hale	John Terhune	1st New Brunswick
Mr. White		2nd Cranbury
Mr. S. D. Alexander		Freehold
Mr. Gosman	John F. Hageman	1st Princeton
Mr. Rowell		Pennington
Mr. Kirkpatrick		Cold. Ch. Princeton
Mr. Scribner		Dutch Neck
Mr. Merwin		Nottingham
	Benj. S. Disbrow	3rd Trenton
	Theo. Hoff	Titusville
	Thos. Cartin	Shrewsbury

Presbytery of Newton

Ministers	Elders	Churches
	James Stewart	Greenwich
Mr. Hond		Musconetong Valley
Dr. Wilson	Eph. Marsh	Hackettstown
Mr. Condict	Crinis Bloom	Stillwater
Mr. Tully	Danl. H. Bedmore	Swartswood
Mr. McGee	Joseph Koch	Harmony
Mr. Van Artsdalen		Mansfield
Mr. Reilly		Marksborough
Mr. Wood	Jacob Welch	German Valley
Mr. H. Reeves	Henry Freeman	Blairstown
Mr. Barret	John C. Bennet	Phillipsburgh
Mr. Goble		Stewartsville
Mr. Sturges		Fox Hill
Mr. R. Reeves	Adrian Locke	Belvidere
Mr. Miller		Danville
	J. S. Johnson	Newton
	Wm. W. Race	Hope
	Inslee Roy	Hardwick

Presbytery of Raritan

Ministers	Elders	Churches
	John W. Nelles	Amwell United 1st
Dr. Kirk	Thomas Sharp	Amwell 2nd
Dr. Studdiford	James D. Stryker	Lambertsville
Mr. Hunt	Robert C. Stevens	Pleasant Grove
Mr. I. McNair		Lower German Valley
Dr. Janeway		Clinton
Mr. Osmond	Geo. Carpenter	Lilford
Mr. Spayde		Holland
Mr. P.A. Studdiford		Tinicum
	John K. Torbert	Solebury

Presbytery of Susquehanna

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Mr. Foster		Athens
Mr. Colt		Wyalusing 2nd
Mr. Doolittle		Dushore
Mr. Chapman		Elkland
	Ahira Wickham	Friendsville

Presbytery of Luzerne

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Mr. T.P. Hunt		Beaver Meadow and Weatherly
Mr. Webster		Newton
Mr. Glen		Scranton
Mr. Wells		Lackawanna

Presbytery of West Jersey

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Dr. Jones		Greenwich
Mr. Cattell		Woodbury
Mr. Annin		Blackwoodtown
	Uriel D. Woodruff	Bridgeton 1st

Presbytery of Burlington

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Mr. Perkins		Bordentown
	Wm. Imlay	Allentown

The roll having been called the Rev. Robert Street of Presbytery of Passaic was unanamously chosen Moderator and the Rev. Messrs. Rodgers and Hale were chosen Clerks.

Mr. Hyndshaw's letter, etc., of excuse.

Resolved, that during the present sessions of the Synod it be the order of the day to meet at nine o'clock a.m. to adjourn at 12m. to me t at 2 p.m. to adjourn at 5 p.m. and to meet at 7:30 p.m.

Synod then adjourned to meet at 7:30 p.m. that being the hour for public .orship. Concluded with prayer.

The hour of public worship having arrived Synod met when the Annual Mission Sermon by Dr. McDonald from Rom. 1: 14-15-16. After public worship appeared, etc. the followsing, Rev. E. R. Craven, Minister, etc., Wm. Rankin, Elder 3rd Church Newark both Presbytery of Passaic, Geo. Ely, Dr. John Maclean, S.H. Hamill, Dr. Robert Baird, Mr. C. W. Baird, Ministers of Presbytery of New Brunswick, Alen Scudder, Elder, Ewing Church same Presbytery, Forsman, Minister, Newton Presbytery, Saml. F. Porter of Raritan Presbytery and Woodhull, Minister West Jersey Presbytery.

Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday October 17th 1855

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer- present as before together with R. S. Kennedy, Elder, Stewarsville, Rev. S. M. Hammil Presbytery of New Brunswick, Geo. Bush, Minister, Presbytery of Newton.

The Minutes of the last session of Synod were read.

The Minutes of the last stated meeting of Synod were read, when the members now present who were absent from that meeting assigned satisfactory reasons for such absence.

Committees, etc., announced by Moderator (see file No. 2).

Albert Williams, Minister, Synod of Passaic, Wm. E. Schenck, Minister, Synod of Philadelphia invited to sit as corresponding members.

Order of the day to hear Mr. Schenck 10:30 a.m.

Committee on Devotional Exercises report (see file No. 1).

Complaint from Stillwater church Session announced by Clerk and put into hands of Judicial Committee.

1st church Elizabeth City was appointed the next place of meeting, Mr. Murray, Dr. Magie and Mr. Crane committee of arrangments.

New Book of Minutes ordered.

Statistical Reports read, viz., Elizabethtown, Passaic, New Brunswick, Newton, Raritan, Luzerne, Susquehanna, West Jersey, Burlington (see file).

Rev. Wm. E. Schenck, Secretary, addressed the Synod in behalf of the claims of the Board of Publication.

The Rev. John C. Rankin to preach on Foreign Missions at the next meeting of Synod and Dr. H. N. Wilson to be his alternate.

Committee on Treasurer's Accounts and on Assessment reported. Report accepted and adopted.

Dr. R. Baird was heard on the State of Religious affairs in Europe. Thanks were tendered, etc.

Rev. Albert Williams was heard in regard to the State of Religion, etc., in California. Thanks, etc.

West Jersey Minutes approved.

Adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday 2 o'clock p.m.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer- present as before together with Rev. S. C. Henry, D.D., Rev. J. B. Doren of the same Presbytery, Rev. Mr. Foote of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Matthias Osborn, Elder, New Providence, Elizabethtown Presbytery, Rev. Jonathan Osmond, Luzerne Presbytery, Wm. C. Wallace, Chatham Village, Passaic Presbytery, Keen Pruden, Elder, 2nd Elizabethtown same Presbytery.

Rev. Joel Campbell of Synod of New York and New Jersey and Dr. Wood of Synod of Philadelphia invited to sit as correspondents.

Dr. Wood to be heard at 4 p.m. in behalf of the Board of Education.

Rev. Henry J. Coe, Synod of Illinois, invited to sit as correspondent, to be heard on Church Extention after Dr. Wood.

Burlington Book not in the house. Committee discharged. New Brunswick book approved, also Luzerne, book, Elizabethtown book approved with the following exception (see files). Narrative reported.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported with reference to the Synodical Prayer Meeting.

Rev. Dr. Maclean, President of the College of New Jersey, made a statement in regard to the present conditions, claims and wants of that institution. Whereupon it was Resolved, (see file).

Committee of Bills and overtures reported overture No. 1. Report accepted. The following resolution was adopted inview of the report of the committee (see file).

Ordered that the Stated Clerk forward the Statistical Report to the next General Assembly.

Rev. Dr. Wood was heard in behalf of the Board of Education. Resolutions on Education were discussed, pending the discussion the narrative on the State of Religion was read, amended the adopted and is as follows and it was ordered that the narrative be read at the Synodical Prayer Meeting this evening.

Rev. Dr. Coe to be heard after public worship this evening.

Synod adjourned to meet at 7:30. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday ½ past 7 p.m. Synod met pursuant to adjournment and attended upon the exercises of the Synodical Prayer Meeting in accordance with the arrangements of the committee. During the progress of the meeting Mr. Rankin, Treasurer of the Foreign Board, was heard, etc., (see page 445 vol. 3).

Report of committee on Minutes of General Assembly put on the docket.

Rev. Mr. Coe, Secretary of the Church Extention Committee, was heard with reference to the purposes and claims of said committee.

Synod adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday Morning 9 o'clock

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer- present as before together with Williamson, Minister. Andrew H. Stevens, Elder, Cold Spring, West Jersey, Dr. Luther Halsey, Minister, Passaic.

The Minutes of the last session of Synod were read.

Resolution Mr. Rankin's address, etc. (see file).

Committee on leave of absence made a report (see file).

Resolutions on Church Extention (see file).

Resolutions on Education (see file). Letter from the Board of Education read.

The Judicial Committee reported. Report accepted and adopted (see file No. 1). Mr. Condit gave notice of his intention ot complain of this action of the Synod in this case. Drs. Magie and Davidson appointed to defend.

The Judicial Committee reported No. 2 case of Rev. Moses Ingalls. Report accepted and adopted.

Committee of Overtures reported overture No. 2. Report not adopted.

Standing committee on Sabbath continued. Ogden added.

Raritan book approved, Newton approved, Susquehanna approved with the following exceptions (see file), Passaic approved.

Committee on Standing Rules continued, to report next Synod.

Janitor's bill $5.00 and bill for Stationary to be paid.

Thanks to the people of Newton.

Thanks to the Trustees of this church, etc. Church and Secretary Room.

Committee on Assembly's Minutes report amended and adopted (see file).

Adjourned to meet, etc. Singing, Prayer and Benediction.

A P P E N D I X

1. RESOLUTIONS AND IMPORTANT ACTIONS.
2. NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.
3. PRESBYTERIAL STATISTICAL REPORTS.

1855

No. 1 The Rev. Dr. Maclean, President of the College of New Jersey made a statement in regard to the present condition, claims and wants of that institution,

Whereupon it was Resolved, That this Synod cordially recommends to the churches in connection with this body to favor the efforts now making to obtain funds for the re-building of the main College Edifice which some months ago was destroyed by fire.

Resolved. It having been suggested that the Rev. Dr. Baird should be requested to visit our churches in behalf of the College, the Synod express their hearty approval of this suggestion.

No. 2 The committee of bills and overtures reported Overture No. 1, being a memorial from the Presbytery of Raritan, in regard to the proper course to be pursued by the sessions of the churches, in the case of members who have removed without taking letters of dismission and whose residences are not known.

The committee recommend that no action be taken by the Synod in the case. Pending the discussion upon the recommendation of the committee, the following resolutions were proposed in lieu of the recommendation, and adopted.

Resolved. 1 That church sessions be required to review their rolls at suitable intervals, and purge them of the names of such members as have been absent for a long time, or whose residence is not known, and that they no longer report such names to the General Assembly; at the same time keeping a separate list of such persons, to be used as may be judged expedient in case they should at some subsequent time make their appearance.

Resolved. 2 That the Presbyteries be required to make examination in regard to the actions of the church sessions in the premises.

No. 3 The following resolutions were adopted with reference to the Board of Education.

1. Resolved. That in view of the pressing claims of the Treasury of the Board of Education, it be recommended to all our pastors and stated supplies, to present those claims to the churches as speedily as practicable, and to take up collections for this cause.

2. Resolved. That at the next stated meeting of the Presbyteries in this Synod, inquiry be instituted of the pastors and elders whether this recommendation has been complied with.

3. Resolved. That a certified copy of these resolutions be sent to each Presbytery and published in the Home and Foreign Record.

No. 4. The judicial committee reported that a complaint of the session of the Church of Stillwater against the action of the Presbytery of Newton in the case of a suspended elder of the church, had been placed in their hands. Upon enquiry it appears that the complaint is not against any thing which the Presbytery actually did, but only against the Presbytery deciding to act in the case at all, and as no injury was done to any one by the matter complained of, the committee recommend that the complaint be dismissed. Especially as we learn that the case is still under discussion in the Presbytery.

No. 5 The judicial committee reported that a complaint of the Rev. Moses Ingalls against certain action of the Presbytery of Susquehanna, had been placed in their hands, with reference hereto, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved. That the Presbytery of Susquehanna be and hereby is directed to meet in the 2nd Church of Wyalusing on the 8th day of November next at 9 o'clock A. M. and that the Rev. Moses Ingalls is hereby enjoined to meet with them for the purpose of correcting their minutes, and taking such action for the adjustment of existing difficulties as the book prescribes, of all which a copy of this minute by the Stated Clerk of Synod sent to Mr. Ingalls shall be to him a sufficient notice.

No. 6 The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the General Assembly reported the following items as worthy of the notice of the Synod, and the churches under their care.

1. That the action of the assembly on page 277, respecting the Ashman Institute--a classical and Theological School for the training of Ministers and Missionaries, pious young men of color, to labor among the destitute thousands in this country and the millions of Africa should received the prayers and sympathies of all our churches.

2. That the resolutions and action of the Assembly on systematic benevolence on page 295, should be read to all the churches by their ministers or sessions, and their faithful complaince therewith urged upon their prayerful consideration and also that the Presbyteries be required annually to report to Synod as therein directed.

3. That the action of the Assembly recommended on page 297, respecting the setting off the Presbytery of Luzerne to be connected with the Synod of Philadelphia, is considered inexpedient by this Synod, especially in view of the fact that said Presbytery desires that its present relations should be continued.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION
1855

Temporal prosperity internal peace and harmony and healthful growth are the prevailing characteristics of the history of the churches within the bounds of our Synod during the last year. The means of grace have been faithfully dispensed.

The churches with few exceptions have enjoyed the stated ministrations of the gospel. It is however our sad duty to record the removal by death of two pastors extensively known and dearly beloved in this Synod,--the Rev. Jonathon W. Sherwood of the Presbytery of Raritan and the Rev. John V. Townley of the Presbytery of Passaic. Still more recently after an illness of only two days, the Rev. Charles Huntington Jr. of the Presbytery of Susquehanna, has been called away from his earthly labors.

The ordinances of God's house have been attended by unusually large, interested and serious congregations.

Sunday Schools have enlisted more than an ordinary degree of effort, and catechetical instruction has been imparted with more or less fidelity.

Weekly prayer meetins and lectures have elicited less interest. Only one Presbytery reports them as "well attended". Another simply asserts that they are "sustained"-another maintained "in nearly all churches"-and in some "wellattended" and in others "sadly neglected"-another for the most part maintained--and another that "prayer meetings are much neglected."

Such are the facts reported in reference to the use of the means of grace. Let us now attend to the results.

1. There is in some parts of our bounds a manifest improvement in public morals and good order. Five Presbyteries report favorably in reference to the progress of Temperance-and two testify to a better observance of the Sabbath. The Presbytery of New Brunswick bears its testimony to the salutary effect of the cat of the legislature by which the locks of the Delaware and Raritan Canal Company are closed during the Sabbath day, and the act of prohibitin the sale of intoxicating liquors on the Sabbath--"and record with pleasure the observance of the Sabbath on the Rail Road passing across the bounds of Presbytery."

2. The spirit of benevolence has suffered no abatement and in many of our churches is clearly growing. With the exception of one Presbytery that confesses to "meager returns" the reports all indicate a cheering degree of liberality, and notwithstanding the pecuniary embarassment of the last year the collections for the Boards of our church and other benevolent objects have been in many churches larger than in any previous year.

3. Increased zeal and activity in the erection of churches and the organization of new churches have been evinced. Within the bounds of the Presbytery of Newton, five houses of worship have been erected during the year or are in process of construction, and several new churches have been organized. In the Presbytery of West Jersey, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars has been collected for churcheextension-three church edifices are in course of erection and one will soon be commenced at points heretofore unoccupied by the Presbyterian church. In the Presbytery of Raritan two congregations have completed houses of worship "alike creditable to their taste and liberality" which are free from debt, and another church edifice in a destitute neighbourhood will soon be finished. In the Presbytery of Susquehanna, "great efforts in church building" and the opening of new field for missionary labor are spoken of. These Presbyteries testify to the increasing favor with which our church is regarded within their bounds.

4. With all these favorable symptoms there is little evidence of an actual increase of piety and godliness among the members in the full communion of our churches. The Presbyteries express themselves in such sad language as this, "The spiritual state of too many of our churches in languishing and the floods of worldliness, we fear, are bearing numbers away." "We deplore the present low state of true vital piety in our sever charges." "There exists a great want of earnestness in matters of religious obligation and duty on the part of the professed people of God. Worldly mindedness and the love of gain it is to be feared have usurped the place of the spirit of grace and supplication." "The voice of lamentation comes up from most of our churches on account of the want of deep spirituality and activity among the members--Prayer meetins are much neglected and a spirit of worldliness is manifested, induced, it is believed in some instances, by the abundance of earthly good sent to lift the heart and consecrate the life to God."

5. The accessions to the number in full communion have been small. Six churches of Newton and Belvidere in the Presbytery of Newton, numbers have been added, of such as hope that they have been made partakers of sovereign grace. In the churches of Perth Amboy and 1st church of Woodbridge in the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, there have been extensive awakenings, a large number have been brought into the fold of Christ's and a number more are still seeking the same privelege. Thirty hopeful converts have been added to the Millstone church in the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and a nearly equal number have been hope fully converted within the bounds of the Freehold church, in the same Presbytery. There has also been some religious interest among the students in the Luzerne Presbyterial Institute, and several churches of the Luzerne Presbytery have been revived. With these exceptions, there have been few additions to the number of communicants in the churches of the Synod.

This review of the reports of the Presbyteries brings us to the conclusion that it is the duty of all to continue instant in prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit--Let Ministers urge prayerfulness upon their people--Let Elders of the churches give themselves to the work and infuse new life and interest into the prayer meetings--and let the people cry mightily unto the Lord--Oh Lord revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known, in wrath remember mercy.

PRESBYTERIAL
STATISTICAL REPORTS
1855

1. The Presbytery of Elizabethtown report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 19 Ministers, and have under their care 17 Churches, 1 Licentiate and 7 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 18th day of April 1855, they licensed Mr. Ezra Mundy to preach the gospel--that on the 10th of August, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Charles Milne and the church of New Providence--that on the 2nd of October, they dismissed Mr. Frederick La Rue King, a licentiate under their care, to put himself under the care of the classis of Bergen, of the Reformed Dutch Church--and on the 3rd of October, dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. William Huntting and the church of New Vernon.

The Presbytery further report that the churches generally have contributed to the various Boards of the church.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
JAMES T. ENGLISH, Stated Clerk.

2. The Presbytery of Passaic report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 19 Ministers, and have under their care 14 Churches, 1 Licentiate and 2 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 31st of October 1854, they installed the Rev. Elijah R. Craven pastor of the 3rd Church of Newark--that on the same day they received the Rev. James G. Moore from the Presbytery of Bedford--that on the 5th of February 1855, the Rev. John D. Townley departed this life--that on the 18th of April they dismissed

the Rev. Joseph Mc Connel to connect himself with the Presbytery of Schuyler--that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. M. Husted and the church of Flanders--and that on the 2nd of October, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Eliphalet Bosworth and the church of Lyons Farms.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
ROBERT STRUNT, Stated Clerk.

3. The Presbytery of New Brunswick report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 49 Ministers, and have under their care 29 Churches, 8 Licentiates and 4 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 17th of October 1854, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. James C. Watson D. D. and the church of Kingston, and on the same day dismissed Dr. Watson to join the Presbytery of Northumberland--that on the same day, they dismissed Mr. James Gilmore a licentiate under their care, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Albany--that on the 11th of January 1855, they dismissed Mr. William C. Davis, a licentiate under their care, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Luzerne--that on the 6th of February they received the Rev. Lyman H. Atwater D. D. from the association of Fairfield West, Connecticut--the Rev. Alexander T. McGill D. D. from the Presbytery of Ohio--the Rev. J. C. Moffat D. D. from the Presbytery of Oxford--and the Rev. William Scribner from the 2nd Presbytery of Philadelphia--that on the same day they received Mr. William House under their care as a candidate for the ministry and licensed Mr. Charles H. Skillman to preach the gospel--that on the same day they received under their care Mr. George M. Giger, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Baltimore and dismissed Mr. A. H. Barclay a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Holsten and Mr. Thomas Macauly a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Long Island--that on the 14th of February, they installed the Rev. William Scribner pastor of the church of Red Bank--that on the 24th of April they received the Rev. Miles T. Merwin from the Presbytery of Huntington--and dismissed Mr. Henry B. Pratt, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Cherokee

and Mr. Augustus De Vere, a candidate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of New York--that on the 30th of May, they ordained Mr. Joseph M. Carroll to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him pastor of the church of Jamesburgh--that on the 13th of August, they dismissed the Rev. Thomas W. Cattell to join the Presbytery of West Jersey--that on the 2nd of October, they received the Rev. Thomas L. Janeway D. D. from the Presbytery of Philadelphia-and on the same day Mr. Henry M. Baird was taken under their care as a candidate for the gospel ministry--and that on the 3rd of October, Mr. Gilbert C. Woodhull was licensed to preach the gospel.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
A. D. WHITE, Stated Clerk.

4. The Presbytery of Newton report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 22 Ministers, and have under their care 26 Churches, and 1 Candidate.

The Presbytery further report that on the 14th of November 1854, they installed the Rev. John K. Davis pastor of the churches of Middle Smithfield and Shawnee--that on the 21st of November, they received under their care Mr. Robert Reeves a licentiate from the Presbytery of West Jersey and on the same day ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him pastor of the churches of Hope and Knowlton, and that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. James Mc William to join the Presbytery of Susquehanna--that on the 17th of April 1855, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Charles Wood and the church of Fox Hill--and that on the same day they installed the Rev. Smith Sturges pastor of the church of Philipsburg, and received the Rev. Frederick Knighton from the Presbytery of West Jersey--that on the 1st of May, they organized the 2nd church of Mansfield--that on the 18th of June, they dismissed the Rev. Baker Johnson to join the Presbytery of Winnebago--that on the 12th of July they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Garrit Van Artsdalen and the church of German Valley

and that on the 2nd of October, they dismissed Mr. Joseph E. Nassau, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Gennessee River.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
HENRY REEVES, Stated Clerk.

5. The Presbytery of Raritan report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 10 Ministers, and have under their care 1, Churches, 1 Licentiate and 3 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 22nd of November 1854, the Rev. Jonathon W. Sherwood departed this life--that on the 12th of June 1855, they ordained Mr. Peter Augustus Studdiford a licentiate under their care, to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him pastor of the church of Milford--that on the same day they dismissed Mr. Thomas Hempstead a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Red River--and that on the day following they installed the Rev. Peter Augustus Studdiford as pastor of the church of Holland, to supply them every alternate Sabbath afternoon.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
PETER O. STUDDIFORD, Stated Clerk.

6. The Presbytery of Susquehanna report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 14 Ministers, and have under their care 20 Churches and 2 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 3rd of October 1854, they dismissed the Rev. Albertus Vandewater to join the classis of Monmouth of the Reformed Dutch Church--that on the 15th of November they installed the Rev. James Williamson pastor of the church of Athens--that on the 31st

of January 1855, they received the Rev. James McWilliam from the Presbytery of Newton--that on the 16th of September it pleased the Great Head of the church to remove from his labors and trials on earth, we trust to his rest in heaven, the Rev. Charles Huntington Jr.--and the Presbytery further report that the Rev. John G. Lowe has been removed by death since the last meeting of the Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
JULIUS FOSTER, Stated Clerk.

7. The Presbytery of Luzerne report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 18 Ministers, and have under their care 30 Churches, 5 Licentiates and 4 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 15th of February 1855, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. John F. Baker and the church of Scranton--that on the 2nd of May, they received under their care Mr. William C. Davis a licentiate, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick--and on the same day changed the name of the church of Lackawanna to the style it bears in the charter of incorporation, the church of "Pittston"--that on the 3rd of May, they took on trials as a candidate for the Gospel ministry, Mr. A. David L. Jewitt a member of the church of Wilkesbarre--that on the 10th of July they dismissed the Rev. Paul H. Stevenson to join the Presbytery of West Jersey--and received the Rev. John Armstrong from the Presbytery of Upper Missouri and the Rev. Milo J. Hickok from the Presbytery of New York--and that on the 8th of August they installed the Rev. Milo J. Hickok pastor of the church of Scranton.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
RICHARD WEBSTER, Stated Clerk.

8. The Presbytery of West Jersey report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 20 Ministers, and have under their care 19 Churches, 8 Licentiates and 1 Candidate.

The Presbytery further report that on the 10th of January 1855, they organized a church at Swedesborough--that on the 17th of April, they received the Rev. Daniel Stewart D. D. from the Presbytery of New Albany--that on the 18th of April they dismissed the Rev. C. N. Ewing to join the Presbytery of Philadelphia--and the Rev. N. R. Wilson D. D. to join the Presbytery of Alleghany City--that on the 19th of April, they licensed Mr. James W. Edmonds to preach the gospel that on the 1st of May, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. W. W. Mer and the church of Deerfield--that on the 28th of August, they received the Rev. Thomas W. Cattell from the Presbytery of New Brunswick--that on the 3rd of October, they received the Rev. J. M. Northup from the Presbytery of Albany--and dismissed the Rev. Henry Synder to join the Presbytery of East Hanover--and that on the 9th of October, they installed the Rev. Thomas W. Cattell pastor of the church of Deerfield, and received the Rev. Paul K. Stevenson from the Presbytery of Luzerne. The Presbytery further report, that the churches of Greenwich, Blackwoodtown, 1st Bridgeton, Cedarville, and 2nd Bridgeton have contributed to the four Boards---Pittsgrove, Woodbury, Salem and Camden to three--Deerfield, May's Landing, and Cape Island to two--Millville to one, and Cold Sprin and Leeds Point to none--No report was received from other churches--ten churches have contributed liberally to the cause of church extension within the bounds of this Presbytery.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
ALLEN H. BROWN, Stated Clerk.

9. The Presbytery of Burlington report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 7 Ministers and have under their care 9 Churches.

The Presbytery further report that on the 1st of November 1854, they received the Rev. F. Beck Harbaugh from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and on the same day installed him pastor of the church of Burlington.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
SAMUEL MILLER, Stated Clerk.

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